

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Huntington Beach Central Library – B Room
April 6, 2010
Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:55PM

Present: Chancellor, Dagley, Garrick, Inouye, Jackle, Nees, Goldenberg

Absent: Gee

Late: Rodriguez

Staff Liaisons: Kuhnke, Smith

II. Welcoming Remarks by Ken Inouye, Chair

Inouye opened the meeting by welcoming the Task Force members and the public in attendance which was past HBHRTF Chair and HB Reads Chair Fred Provencher.

III. Public Comments: (Three minutes per speaker). Provencher stated the HBUHSD Student Day of Dialogue held on March 24th at the HB Central Library was a well presented program.

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes: March 2, 2010

Inouye

Moved, Jackle; Second, Chancellor - To accept March 2, 2010 minutes.

Approved 6, No 0, absent 2 (Gee, Rodriguez)

V. Status Reports:

1. Report of HRTF Account balances

Kuhnke

Kuhnke reported balances as follows:

\$1973.80 Task Force Misc. account

\$4001.46 HB Reads account

\$5975.26 Total

HB Reads anticipates some small payables related to the recent author presentations will come in.

It was recognized by Kuhnke that the largest donors to the HB Reads program were the Kiwanis, the HBPD, Rainbow Disposal and the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

2. Report of Hate Crimes/Incidents in March 2009

Sgt. Smith

Sgt. Smith reported a hate crime incident involving patrons at a local business. Customers at the Huntington Beach Beer Company got into a fight and one of the persons involved in the altercation used racial slurs.

Police were called, an investigation ensued and it was determined a hate crime had been committed. At this time the victim in the altercation has indicated he does not wish to participate in the investigation. The HBPD is continuing to pursue his assistance to prosecute the crime.

3. Report of Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities

Inouye

Inouye reported that during the upcoming Orange County Human Relations awards dinner Kimberly McGlaughlin and Roxana Jimenez of Huntington Beach High School will be honored for an award in the Community Leadership category. Mr. Inouye requested the HBHRTF sponsor a Task Force member by spending \$200 for a ticket to attend the event. Task Force member Jackle questioned the need for the Task Force to invest \$200 with the current budget constraints and limited resources. After a brief discussion Task Force member Rodriguez indicated she may be available to attend the event and Mr. Inouye asked for a motion.

Motion: Chancellor; Second: Goldenberg - To support the HBHRTF sponsoring Rodriguez to attend the OCHRC Awards dinner. Approved: 7, No 1, Absent (Gee)

VI. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs

Chancellor

Chancellor distributed a report of monthly activities from the Education Committee (attached) and indicated the next committee meeting will be held April 27th at 6:30 pm at the HBHS student library.

2. Report of HB Reads Committee activities for the month of February

Jackle

Jackle discussed the results of the recent author presentations. Over 600 students attended the morning session and over 300 adults attended the evening session. Jackle indicated the next phase for HB Reads is to collect book title recommendations from HB citizens and HB Reads committee members for the 2010/2011 program. Kuhnke indicated the City Attorney is reviewing a number of questions pertaining to the composition and membership requirements of the HB Reads Committee. It is the intent of the HBHRTF and the City to develop an appropriate structure based on the findings of the City Attorney's Office. With the completion of HB Reads 2010, Chair Inouye asked for a motion to establish an ad hoc book selection committee.

Motion: Jackle; Second: Rodriguez - To establish an ad hoc committee to select the next HB Reads book with a Chair being a member of the HBHRTF. Approved: 9, No 0, Absent (Gee)

Inouye asked for a Task Force member to volunteer to chair the committee and Rodriguez volunteered.

Motion: Jackle; Second: Nees – To accept Rodriguez as the Chair of the HB Reads Ad Hoc Committee. Approved: 9, No: 0, Absent (Gee).

VII. New Business and Possible Motions pertaining to:

1. Review and consideration of current and future Task Force programs Inouye/Dagley
Inouye asked for a discussion regarding current programs and a list of HBHRTF programs was distributed. (attached). Dagley indicated his desire to see the Task Force limit its involvement in programs that cannot be fully supported and funded. Dagley cited the HB Reads program as an example of a program that has community traction and could be further expanded to represent the efforts of the HBHRTF.

Jackle asked the Task Force to consider whether the programs Making Victims Whole and the Friends Program should be discontinued due to limited resources and limited community support. Jackle raised questions regarding the Celebrate Federal Diversity Months initiative that was fostered through the HBHRTF. Chancellor expressed his desire to see the continuation of the Celebrate Federal Diversity Month program. Chancellor feels it is a program that stands out as unique in Orange County with its intent to recognize our multi-cultural community.

Inouye discussed the Education Committee accomplishments and his desire to have a HBHRTF member "learn" the role Chancellor has taken to lead the education programs so these programs can continue to have an impact when Chancellor's term on the HBHRTF comes to an end. Inouye asked for the discussion to continue to the May meeting.

VIII. Task Force Member Comments

Rodriguez suggested that the agenda items be completed in sufficient time to allow for taskforce member comments and announcements. Inouye asked task force members to assist him in timing the meetings to allow for this.

Garrick distributed information regarding proclamations identifying the month of May as Asian/Pacific Month and Older Americans Month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.